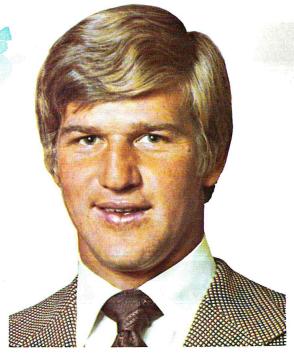


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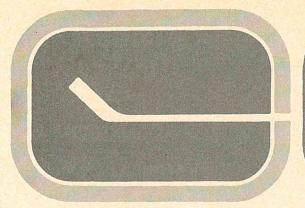
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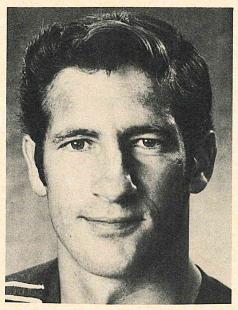
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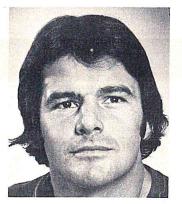
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# SO THE MAN SAYS...

As 1973 ended and the Rangers entered 1974, Rod Gilbert was only a slap shot away from becoming the highest scorer in his team's 48-year history. His 287 goals are already an all-time Ranger high. Gilbert talked recently with New York hockey writer Hugh Delano.

QUESTION: What does it mean to you to know that no other player in the history of the Rangers has scored more goals than you have?

GILBERT: That I've been around a long time and am getting older. QUESTION: Seriously?

GILBERT: It gives me a very satisfying feeling to know that I've been able to accomplish something that can only be done over a long period of years. I know it sounds corny, but records are meant to be broken; some day somebody will break the record I broke.

QUESTION: Having broken Andy Bathgate's goal-scoring record, does it mean you must be considered the greatest scorer in Ranger history?

GILBERT: Certainly not. Andy was my idol when I came to the Rangers; he helped me a lot. I still respect his achievement. He played in a different era. It might have been tougher for him because he scored his goals before expansion. I think you have to look at Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron. The records are taking place in a different era; they are both significant but you can't really compare them.

QUESTION: Your teammate and close friend Jean Ratelle isn't far behind in career goals (282 as of Jan. 3). There's a chance he'll break your record this season.

GILBERT: That's right. It should be interesting to see who ends up with the record after this season. Maybe Jean will end up on top; he's a great player and, being the center on our line, may get more chances to score.

QUESTION: Which will mean the most: being known as the highest goal-scorer in Ranger history or the player who has scored more points?

GILBERT: It's hard to say. I don't think a player concentrates that much on records while the season is going on. I am more interested in winning. When the season is over, and if we've had a good year, then it will be nice to look back on any records. Probably the goals would mean the most.

QUESTION: You set an NHL record with 16 shots in one game and in another season set a Ranger record by scoring at least one point in 14 straight games.

GILBERT: Yes, but I can think of more times when I didn't get a shot in a game and didn't score for quite a few games. I prefer to be consistent.

QUESTION: You scored 43 goals and 97 points in 1971-72. Last season you scored 25 goals and 84 points. Some fans and sports writers feel you had a bad year.

GILBERT: Naturally, I'd have liked to score more goals. That's my main job with the Rangers. But I'm not disappointed with the season I had, because getting assists (59) means I was participating in the scoring of goals.

QUESTION: Jean Ratelle agrees with you. He said that even though you didn't score as many goals last season, you were just as valuable as a playmaker and a checker.

GILBERT: I've always tried to be a complete player; not just a goal-scorer. Although I don't have the size or strength to be considered a rough-type of player, I've always tried to play the game aggressively and work hard all the time. When you aren't scoring as many goals as you would like, you

can help your team in other ways.

QUESTION: The line of Jean Ratelle - Rod Gilbert - Vic Hadfield has played together for eight years and is recognized as one of the best in the NHL. In 1971-72, the three of you led the league with 139 goals and 302 points. Why did your line score fewer goals and points last season?

GILBERT: I don't know if we could have expected to have another fantastic year like we did before. I still believe we had a good year last season. You have to remember that Vic was hurt a lot of the season.

QUESTION: When the Ratelle-Gilbert - Hadfield line is at its best, it seems to symbolize the best in a forward line: perfect cohesion, spectacular passing, shooting, skating and puck control. What's the secret?

GILBERT: We've played together for so long that we are familiar with each other's moves. We do things automatically because we know what the others are doing or thinking. When Jean or Vic have the puck, I know in my mind what they'll do and I know how I should react.

QUESTION: How long have you and Jean Ratelle known each other?

GILBERT: I met Jean when the two of us were about 12 years old and tried out for a school team in Montreal. That's almost 20 years ago. We've been very close ever since. Jean's life is quite different than mine; he's married, a family man. Since I'm single, our interests are different.

QUESTION: And Vic Hadfield. What does he contribute to your line?

GILBERT: Vic is our captain, of course, and very aggressive. He does most of the work getting the



puck in the corners. He had an unbelievable year when he scored his 50 goals (1971-72).

QUESTION: Being single, you've often been portrayed as one of New York's most eligible sports bachelors, a playboy of sorts. Does this bother you?

GILBERT: It's very flattering. I enjoy people and have a great many good friends in New York; I like the life there. I have nothing against pretty girls but I don't think of myself as a playboy. I don't like to be known as that. To me, a playboy is someone who spends all his time running around and isn't always dedicated to his job. Hockey has always come first with me. You can combine your life style with your job but sometimes an athlete who is single gets stamped as a playboy just because he has a life outside his sport.

QUESTION: What did it mean for you to be chosen to play for Team Canada against Russia in 1972?

GILBERT: It was a great honor to represent my country. Visiting Russia was a tremendous experience. For me, it made me aware of all the things we take for granted in Canada and the United States. The people back here seem so much more cheerful and have so many more individual freedoms. I hate to hear people say how bad things are in their country. Sure, we have some problems. But I think if people visited other parts of the world and saw how life is, they would appreciate what they have at home.

QUESTION: Vic Hadfield's decision to leave Team Canada created much controversy and subjected him to much criticism. Do you believe Vic made the correct decision?

GILBERT: I know it was a very difficult decision for him to make. Knowing Vic as well as I do, I'm sure he felt he made the right decision. If I had been in his position, I don't know how I would have reacted. I might have done the same thing. I'll back up his decision. A lot of things happened with Team Canada that made many of the players unhappy, especially some of the criticism from our own fans and in the newspapers.

QUESTION: Getting back to the Rangers, you've often credited Brad Park for much of your success and the success of your line. Why?

GILBERT: Aside from being a great defenceman, Brad works very well when our line is on the ice. He sets up many of our goals with his passing, Brad and I play on the same side. I like to see him on ice when I'm on ice because we have quite a few little plays we work together that often pay off in goals.

QUESTION: In the summer of 1972, there was talk that you might jump to the World Hockey Association. Was this true?

GILBERT: I considered it. I talked with Mr. Nick Mileti (Cleveland) and was very impressed with him as a gentleman. I received a very inviting offer and there was a possibility I would join them. I took some time off to think about my decision. I decided to stay in New York, even though I accepted less money. I like playing for the Rangers; I love the New York lifestyle. The Cat (general manager Emile Francis) and Mr. Jennings (team president William Jennings) said they didn't want me to leave. I got what I wanted from them (a three-year contract

reported to be worth \$200,000 a year).

QUESTION: Earlier this season, you were benched for one game for alleged disciplinary reasons. What happened?

GILBERT: After a Saturday night road game, I went to my apartment in Manhattan to sleep. We were playing Sunday night and when Emile Francis was coach, our team meetings had always been at noon. I got to our team meeting at noon and found out the meeting was at 11:30. It was my fault, but I don't think what I did was that drastic. It's never happened before. What he (coach Larry Popein) did hurt me more than it hurt him. But it was all straightened out and it's forgotten.

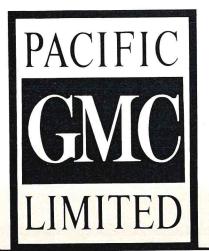
QUESTION: Last spring, there were rumors that you might be traded. Bernie Geoffrion (Atlanta coach) hinted that the rumors were correct.

GILBERT: I didn't like the way those stories came out. Geoffrion is a friend of mine but I don't think it was any of his business to say I might be traded. I'm a professional and I accept the terms that I might be traded. If it had happened, I would have had to give it a lot of thought as to whether I wanted to report or leave the game.

QUESTION: After the Rangers were eliminated in the playoffs, you hinted that you might consider retiring.

GILBERT: I may have felt that way at the moment because it was so disappointing to lose. For the last several years, we've come so far only to lose. I get tired sounding like the Brooklyn Dodgers by saying, 'wait until next year.' I've never played with a Stanley Cup winner. That's what I want most before I'm finished playing.

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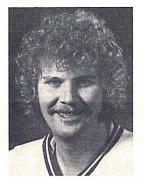
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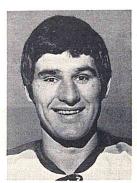
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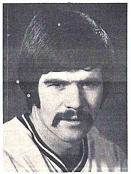
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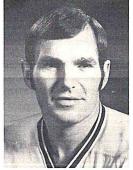
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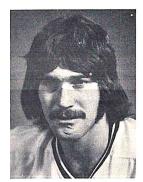
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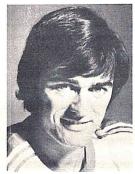
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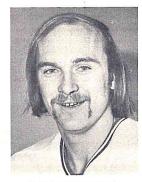
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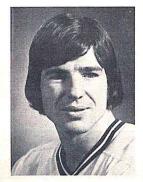
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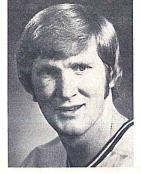
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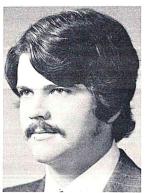
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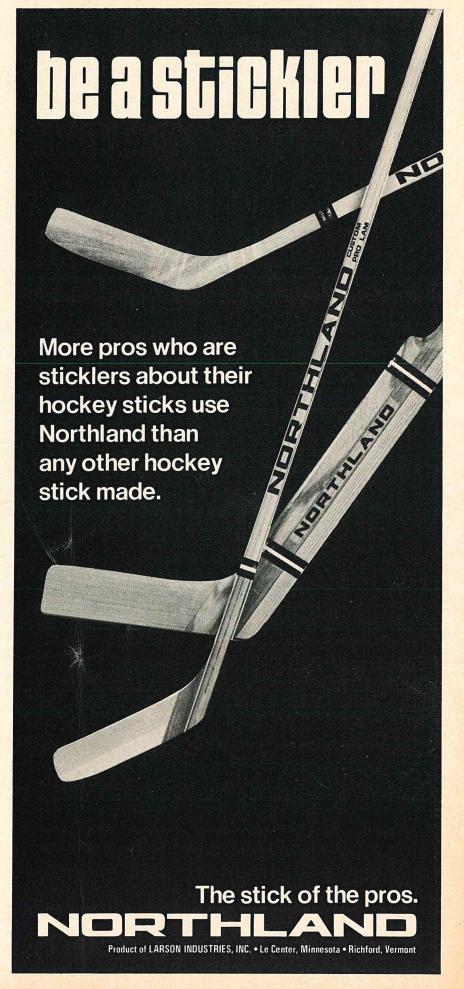
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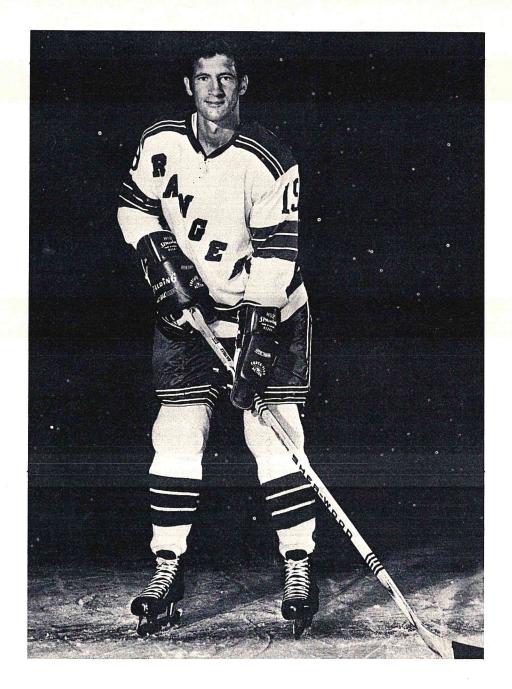
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#### THERE REALLY IS A LONE RANGER

By BOB DUNN

The name is Joseph Gilbert Yvon Jean Ratelle. Give him a mask and he's The Lone Ranger.

And the first wise guy who says Jim Neilson is Tonto gets three weeks in Fort St. John, without ear muffs.

Okay, so calling a member of the Broadway Blueshirts "The Lone Ranger" is something that's overdone, unbelievable and downright corny. Sometimes, pal, it is also applicable.

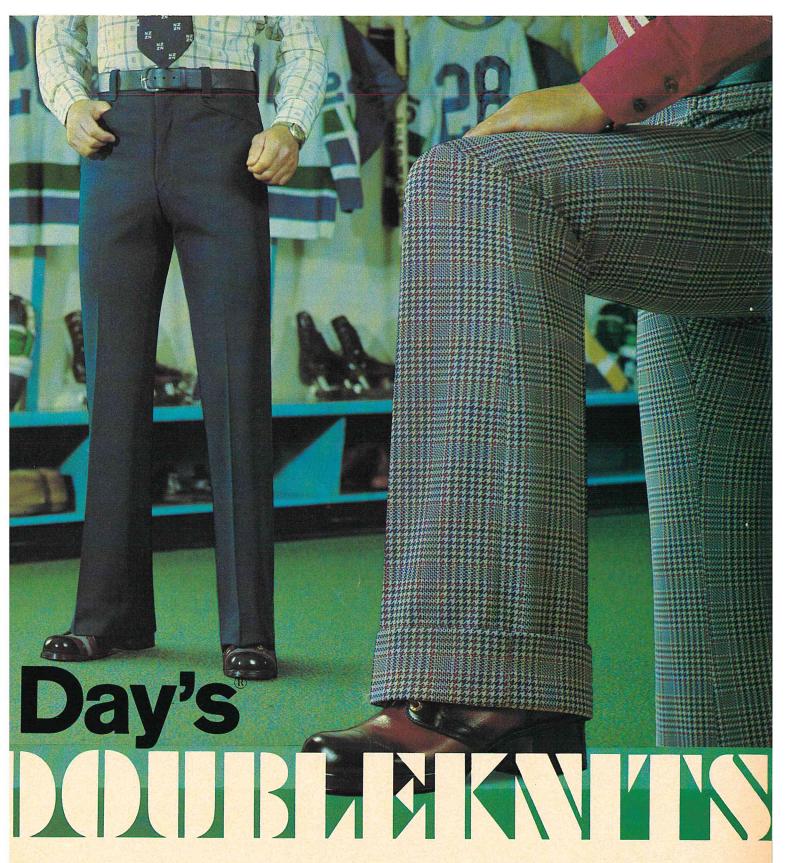
Like with Ratelle.

Who is the one New York Ranger — and limit your selection to one only — they must have to win the elusive Stanley Cup, as long as old age doesn't overtake him first? Who is the leader of The Untouchables (hey, this guy should be in the movies)?

The guy who answers, "Brad Park" gets three weeks in Fort St. John, with ear muffs. The guy who answers J. G. Y. J. Ratelle gets the grand prize: no weeks in Fort St. John.

The whole thing is a little hypothetical, of course, because a number of the Rangers, including Brad Park, have contracts that deem them untouchable, which also means untradeable. But if Emile Francis was able to put that clause in writing with invisible ink, and there are times when he must wish he had, the last contract he'd come to is Jean Ratelle's.

Ratelle is the centre on the Rangers' premier line, which goes continued on page 27



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#### A Quick Look at the Bosses of the Benches

By JOHN McKEACHIE

As of Jan. 1, every team had made at least on stop at the Pacific Coliseum this season. Boston was the 15th different visitor, although Detroit's Alex Delvecchio has yet to come here as a coach.

Vancouver broadcaster John McKeachie, in the course of his duties, talks regularly with these coaches and people are always asking him, "What are they really like?"

So here's John's look at the visiting coaches, remembering, he cautions, that it's an iceberg look with 90 per cent still hidden.

CHICAGO: Billy Reay is the elder statesman of all 16 coaches, and he typifies the class that comes via veteran and job security status. On his visit, his Black Hawks earned a 4-0 victory, thus negating any 'beefs' about officiating or any of the typical etcetera loser's complaints.

Reay simply and cooly answers the media questions, offers a few non-chastising comments about the Canucks, and lauds a few of his own stalwarts of that particular night. He's not prone to verbosity but does not avoid or sidestep any questions.

Billy Reay loves to win, but has yet to take one for granted in this building.

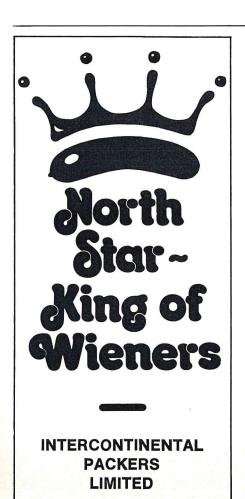
PHILADELPHIA: Fred Shero has never taken Clyde Beatty lessons; is not an ogre; won't replace Peter Falk as Colombo, but won't win any coaches Lady Byng awards either. His Flyers have gained just one of a possible four points this season here, losers 2-1, and splitters 2-2 in their two trips to date.

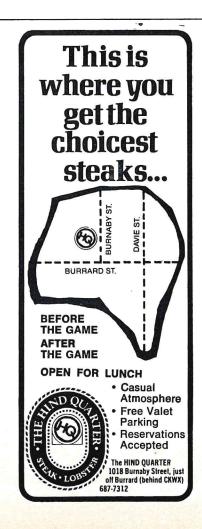
Unlike the infamous Dec. 29, 1972 'game', after which he suggested, "... they started it ...", Shero this season has had occasion to confine his comments to the hockey aspect of his club. After all they're riding the upper crest, and it's folks like Parent, Clarke and Van Impe that he's been able to laud.

Non-vociferously, then, that has been the case both times around, with time out on the 2-1 loss to praise Gary Smith.

ST. LOUIS: Jean Guy Talbot is Bernie Geoffrion with a little less hype! He was a 3-1 winner on his only previous visit, and was happy to have one G. Unger 'rattle the twine' (as they say in Snake Navel, Sask.) for the first time in weeks.

Talbot strikes me as the kind of guy who can get his club psyched simply because he gets so "up", but in a controlled manner. Postgame discussions usually centre around the finer and more integral parts of the contest, often a turning point, a key play or whatever.





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MINNESOTA: Parker MacDonald is rather more subdued than the previous two, not unlike Mr. Reay except he's been behind the North Star bench for only as many games as Billy has years. Of the three trips to Vancouver, he has notched the two victories, 5-4 and 5-3, while his predecessor, Jack Gordon, was victim of a 7-3 setback, albeit in pre-season.

MacDonald, too, avoids no issues, offers thoughtful analysis of why the Canucks lost, but is mindful that his club deserved both wins. The second time around he was without such key guys as Goldsworthy, but a happy Parker MacDonald still is not about to do cartwheels.

And because Gordon was such a class guy as well, a note of praiseful eulogy for him. He's perhaps more like Reay than any I've met, and it was sad to see him call it quits. But it's not surprising in that when he felt he couldn't do the job, that he had the fortitude to do so. Quiet, methodical, Jack Gordon's traits would fit well on most any player in hockey, much less others behind the bench.

CALIFORNIA: Fred Glover. (Moment of silence optional.) Here's a guy who for years was almost single-handedly the American Hockey LEAGUE, much less a franchise, as are some players touted today. The Cleveland Barons' loss was Oakland's gain, and oh for the day they ever realize it.

Glover is officially listed as the Golden Seals' executive vice-president, general manager, and coach. Today, Fred Glover must be hollow. One can only subdue feelings and tear one's insides out for so long, and . . .

There are hockey men and there are men in hockey. He's the former, and there are very few of them. The Seals were 6-4



losers in their only trek here to date (the last Canuck victory, by the way) and he had more to say than in all our previous meetings combined.

Frustrated by the loss of almost a dozen key players to the new league, he doesn't lament that fact on a game by game basis. Rather, he quietly offers his professional analysis on the merits of the just concluded "contest". If Bernie Geoffrion is verbal fire, Glover is asbestos.

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- How many goals did Rangers' Steve Vickers, the NHL's rookie of the year last season, score in the 1972-73 season?
  - a. 19
  - b. 24
  - c. 30
- 2. After stepping down after 537 games behind the Rangers' bench, how many wins did Emile Francis have as a coach?
  - a. 283
  - b. 309
  - c. 296
- 3. True or False? Rangers' Ed Giacomin played one season for the WHL Canucks.
- 4. Gene Carr broke into professional hockey with:
  - a. N. Y. Rangers
  - b. St. Louis Blues
  - c. Omaha Knights

- 5. Without looking elsewhere, what's the Canucks' record against the Rangers last season?
  - a. 2-3-0
  - b. 1-4-1
  - c. 0-5-1
- 6. Did Emile Francis ever play any hockey for Vancouver?
- 7. Rangers' number one farm club is located in:
  - a. Johnstown
  - b. Providence
  - c. Fort Worth
- Name the former New Westminster Bruins' player currently playing for the above named club:
  - a. Alex Kogler
  - b. Vic Mercredi
  - c. Ron Kennedy
- This former Calgary Centennials star is currently among the top 10 scorers while playing for Rangers' number one farm club:
  - a. Doug Horbul
  - b. John Davidson
  - c. Bob Nystrom

- 10. This former member of the Canucks organization in the all-time leading scorer for New York:
  - a. Camille Henry
  - b. Andy Bathgate
  - c. Andy Hebenton
- 11. In six games last year, Rangers pretty well had their own way with this club, outscoring them 25-5. Name the club.
  - a. California
  - b. Atlanta
  - c. N. Y. Islanders
- 12. He was the Rangers' general manager before Emile Francis:
  - a. Frank Boucher
  - b. Muzz Patrick
  - c. Lester Patrick

ANSWERS: 1-c, 2-a, 3-f, 4-b, 5-a, 6-Yes, one season for Vancouver entry in Pacific Coast Hockey 12-b.

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Game	Date			Home	Away
1	Wednesday, October		1973		Boston
2	Saturday	13			Montreal
3 4	Sunday	14			Buffalo
5	Wednesday Friday	19		Dhiladalahia	Chicago
6	Tuesday	23		Philadelphia Atlanta	
7	Friday	26		Detroit	
8	Tuesday	30		N.Y. Rangers	
9	Friday, November	2		St. Louis	
10	Tuesday	6		Buffalo	
11	Friday	9		Chicago	
12	Sunday	11			Boston
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16	Saturday	17		Toronto • Philadelphia	
17	Wednesday	21		· Filliaueipilia	Pittsburgh
18	Friday	23			Atlanta
19	Sunday	25			N.Y. Rangers
20	Tuesday	27			St. Louis
21	Friday	30		Minnesota	
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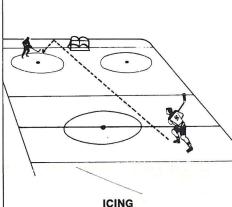
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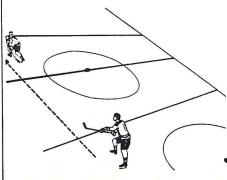
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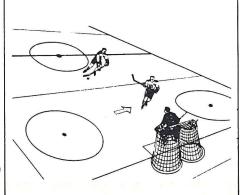
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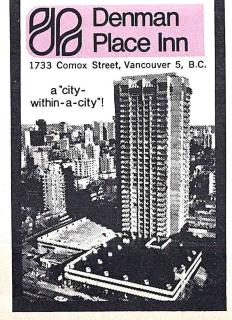
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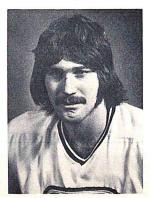


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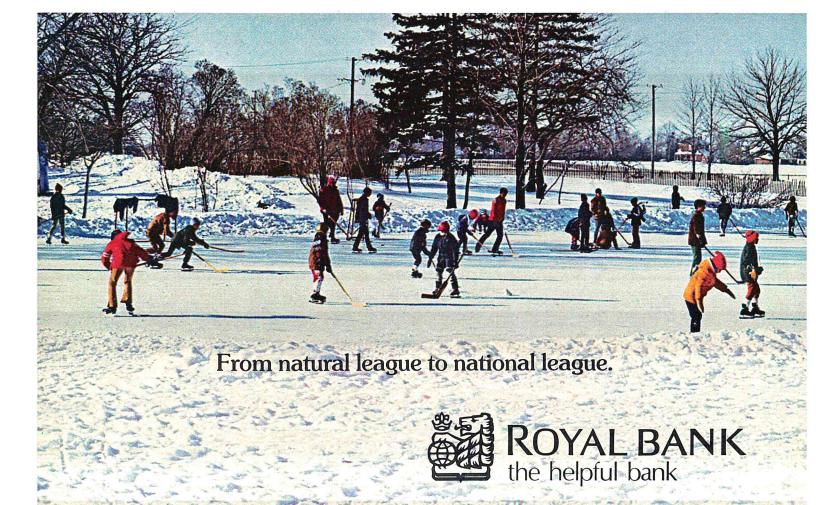
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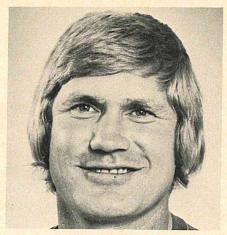
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#### THERE REALLY IS A LONE RANGER continued from page 12

by the tag G-A-G, which means Goal-A-Game. He is also the principal reason Vic Hadfield and Rod Gilbert have been as successful as they have and, although he wouldn't tell you that himself,

maybe they would.

But what, you may ask, makes him most untouchable of all Rangers in the family, from William Jennings to the usher in section 33 of Madison Square?

History.

Go back to the playoffs of 1972, which was one of the 33 consecutive seasons the Rangers have not won the Stanley Cup. The Rangers had finished the season with 109 points, second only to the Bruins, then had knocked off the Montreal Canadiens, defending Stanley Cup champions, and the Chicago Black Hawks through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

They had done it, to that point, without Ratelle, their leading point-getter during the regular-season despite missing the final month with a broken ankle. But, against the Bruins in the final, the Rangers' people knew they needed a healthy Ratelle and there wasn't much they could do about getting one.

He played that final series, which was the closest the Rangers had been since 1949-50 and which they lost in six games, but he was out of condition from the inactivity and the ankle was still weak. It was widely written that the tight collar the Rangers have made famous did them in again . . . when, in fact, the addition of their

best hockey player might have been all they needed.

And then, go back to the early part of this season, when an injury sidelined Ratelle, this time for only six games. Nothing serious, perhaps, but the Rangers didn't win one of the six and it put them in a hole they haven't been able to get out of since. On most days, they are eight to 10 points out of first place.

Naturally, the Rangers have lost a lot of big games when Ratelle was playing. But he is the one player whose absence has been felt most by the Rangers, particularly during their big chance in '72.

And the Rangers, after all, know all about having players out with injury. If Ron Andrews could find the time to include it in his statistics, he'd likely discover the Rangers are the all-time leaders a man-games missed through injury.

Now, to say Ratelle is the most untouchable is to say that Brad Park isn't. Also Ed Giacomin, Gilbert, Hadfield, Rod Seiling, Steve Vickers, Bill Fairbairn, Walt Tkaczuk, etc.

Mainly because they've all been out of the lineup at one time or another (except Tkaczuk) and none of them, individually, has been missed as badly. The irony of it is that Ratelle is one of the league's least individual performers.

He's the quiet leader, the reluctant hero, the faithful and well-rewarded servant. And, yes, The Lone Ranger.

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While the Vancouver Canucks are mere babes as they approach their fourth birthday, the National Hockey League has a history dating more than four decades. Vancouver sports columnist Eric Whitehead will be reviewing the NHL's activities from those early days of growing pains to the multi-faceted operation the league has become today. One instalment in his year-by-year diary follows.

A youngster from Floral, Saskatchewan, named Gordie Howe was starting his third season in Detroit, and one of the most magnificent careers in sport was now firmly launched.

With Sid Abel at centre, Ted Lindsay on the left wing and Howe on the right flank, boss Jack Adams had constructed one of the most exciting and prolific lines in NHL history. Tagged the Production Line, this trio was to make the Red Wings the new power of the league for the next decade. This season, with Howe in full early blossom, would see the Wings win the first of seven straight league championships.

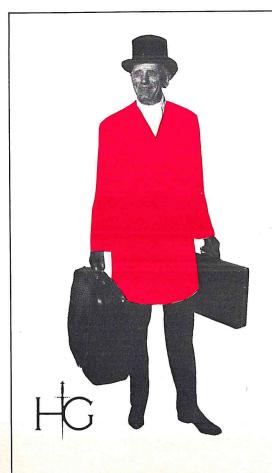
The improved Rangers had bad luck when an October auto accident hospitalized four players: Buddy O'Connor, Frank Edolls,

Elmer Laprade and Bill Moe. These injuries, particularly the loss of their scoring champion, O'Connor, who missed much of the season with broken ribs, were to doom the luckless Rangers to the NHL cellar.

Elsewhere, the race was close, and at the end only seven points separated fifth place Chicago and first-place Detroit.

A league record of dubious merit was set in late November when a Leafs-Canadiens clash in Montreal produced 10 major penalties.

It was another hard-luck year for the Canadiens' tough little Elmer Lach, who just two seasons before had suffered a fractured skull, following that mishap with his amazing scoring-title comeback the next year. This time he fractured his jaw in a mid-December game in Chicago, eventually



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returned to the lineup and had the jaw refractured in March, sending him back to hospital.

The scoring race was turned over to an exciting duel between Chicago team-mates Roy Conacher and Doug Bentley. Conacher won it with 68 points with Bentley second at 66.

The Canadiens climbed two notches this year to third place, mostly on the strength of the fine goaltending of Bill Durnan, whose 2.10 average, spiced with 10 shutouts, won him his fifth Vezina Trophy in six seasons. Detroit's Sid Abel, with 28 goals and 28 assists for the Production Line, took the Hart Trophy as the league's MVP. For the first time, a defenceman, Detroit's Bill Quackenbush, won the Lady Byng award.

It was in the Stanley Cup playoffs that the young Gordie Howe really came of age as super-player as he scored eight goals in the semi-final round against Montreal. That brilliant performance launched the powerful Red Wings into the final round against Toronto. However, it had been a rough seven-game set against the Canadiens, and the Leafs had disposed of Boston in five and came into the playoff round much the fresher of the two teams.

Leafs coach Hap Day was after the Leafs' fifth Stanley Cup championship in eight seasons — and so was Day's superlative goalie, Turk Broda.

The Turk stopped Detroit's famed Production Line cold, allowing a total of five Detroit goals in the abbreviated four-game series. Rather than Howe, Abel, or Ted Lindsay, it was the Leafs' little-heralded Sid Smith who provided the fire-power with a hattrick in the second game.



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Boarding—Pounding the closed fist of one hand into the open palm of the other hand.



Misconduct-referee places both hands on hips several times and points to penalized player.



Holding-clasping either wrist with the other hand well in front of the chest.



Elbowing—tapping either elbow with the opposite



Hooking—a series of tugging motions with both arms, as if pulling something toward the stomach.



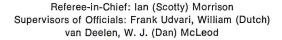
Cross-checking—a series of forward and backward motions with both fists clenched extending from the chest.



Charging—rotates clenched fists around one another in front of chest.



High-sticking-holding both fists, clenched, one immediately above the other, at the height of the forehead.



#### REFEREES' NUMBERS

- (1) Art Skov
- (2) Bruce Hood
- (3) Lloyd Gilmour
- (4) Ron Wicks
- (5) Wally Harris
- (6) Dave Newell
- (10) Bryan Lewis
- (11) John McCauley
- (12) Bob Myers
- (14) Peter Moffat

- (15) Andy Van Hellemond
- (16) Alf Lejeune
- (17) Dave Shewchyk
- (18) Malcolm Ashford
- (19) Bob Kilger
- (20) Steve Dowling
- (23) Leon Stickle
- (24) Ron Harris
- (25) Terry Pierce
- (28) Ron Hoggarth

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- (9) John D'Amico (21) Willard Norris
- (22) Claude Bechard
- (26) Ron Finn
- (29) Alan Glaspell
- (30) Gerrard Gauthier (31) Jim Christison
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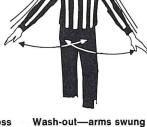
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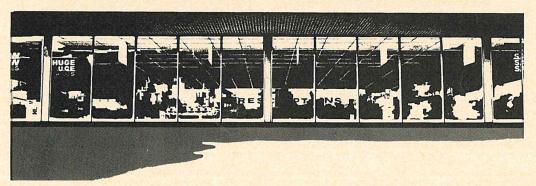
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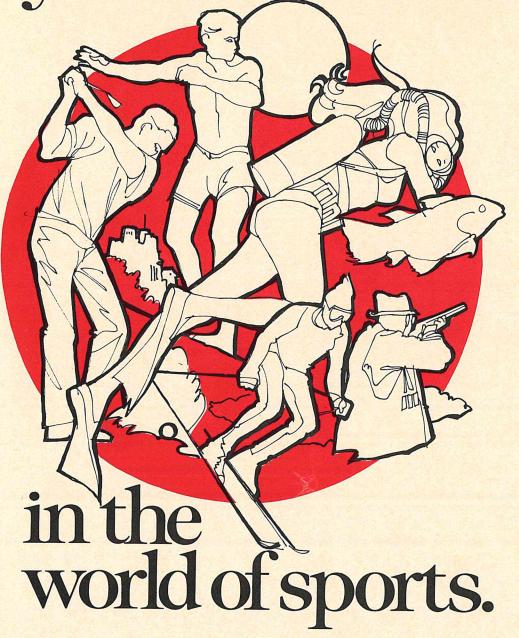
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PLAYER	HGT. V		PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1972-73 CLUB	1972-73 RECORD					
Forwards				=	2.	GP	G	Α	TP	Pim	
PAULIN BORDELEAU	5 - 9	162	Noranda, Que.	Jan. 29, 1953	Toronto	56	54	43	97	26	
ANDRE BOUDRIAS	5 - 8	165	Montreal, Que.	Sept. 19, 1943	Vancouver	77	30	40	70	24	
JOHN GOULD	6 - 0	185	Beeton, Ont.	April 11, 1949	Cincinnatti Buffalo		30	43	73		
ORLAND KURTENBACH	6 - 2	195	Cudworth, Sask.	Sept. 7, 1936	Vancouver	47	9	19	28	38	
BOBBY LALONDE	5 - 5	155	Montreal, Que.	March 27, 1951	Vancouver	77	20	27	47	32	
MIKE LAMPMAN	6 - 2	195	Lakewood, Calif.	April 20, 1950	St. Louis Denver	18 49	2 34	3 19	5 53	2 88	
RICHARD LEMIEUX	5 - 7	165	Temiscaningue, Ont.	April 19, 1951	Vancouver	78	17	35	52	41	
DON LEVER	5 - 11	175	South Porcupine, Ont.	Nov. 14, 1952	Vancouver	.78	12	26	38	49	
BRYAN McSHEFFREY	6 - 2	205	Ottawa, Ont.	Sept. 25, 1952	Seattle Vancouver	39 33	27 4	22 4	49 8	24 10	
GERRY O'FLAHERTY	5 - 9	175	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Aug. 31, 1950	Vancouver	78	13	17	30	29	
BOB SCHMAUTZ	5 - 9	155	Saskatoon, Sask.	March 28, 1945	Vancouver	77	38	33	71	137	
DON TANNAHILL	5 - 11	178	Penetang, Ont.	Feb. 21, 1949	Vancouver	78	22	21	43	21	
DENNIS VERVERGAERT	6-0	185	Hamilton, Ont.	March 30, 1953	London	63	58	89	147	86	
Defencemen						GP	G	Α	TP	Pim	
BOB DAILEY	6 - 5	215	Kingston, Ont.	May 3, 1953	Toronto Jrs.	60	9	55	64	200	
DAVE DUNN	6 - 2	215	Moosomin, Sask.	Aug. 19, 1948	Seattle	59	18	51	69	137	
JOCELYN GUEVREMONT	6 - 2	190	Montreal, Que.	March 1, 1951	Vancouver	78	16	26	42	40	
DENNIS KEARNS	5 - 8	182	Kingston, Ont.	Sept. 27, 1945	Vancouver	72	4	33	37	51	
	. 6 - 2	195	New York, N.Y.	March 8, 1943	Buffalo		1	15	16		
BARRY WILKINS	6 - 0	190	Toronto, Ont.	Feb. 28, 1947	Vancouver	76	11	17	28	133	
Goaltenders	. 1	<u> </u>	· v	н		GP	MP	GA	so	Avg	
JACQUES CARON	6 - 2	185	Noranda, Que.	April 21, 1940	St. Louis	30	1562	92	1	3.53	
ED DYCK	5 - 11	165	Warman, Sask.	Oct. 29, 1950	Seattle	13	617	50	0	4.8	
#0			ex 1200		Vancouver	25	1297	98	1	4.5	
GARY SMITH	6 - 4	215	Ottawa, Ont.	Feb. 4, 1944	Chicago	23	1340	79	0	3.5	

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Nov. 28—Canucks 2 NY Rangers 1
Jan. 20—Canucks 3 NY Rangers 4

1-2-0
Oct. 11-NY Rangers 5 Canucks 3
Nov. 8-NY Rangers 5 Canucks 2
Mar. 4-NY Rangers 3 Canucks 4

GOALS BY PERIODS

SHOTS ON GOAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Totals		1st	2nd	3rd	Totals
Rangers	. 4	9	5	18	Rangers	55	51	66	172
Capucks	4	4	6	1.4	Canucks	15	12	15	132

#### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	CAN	JCKS			RANGERS						
Player	G	Α	Pts.	Pim	Player	G	Α	Pts.	Pim		
Boudrias	4	1	5	2	Park	2	6	8	2		
Schmautz	1	3	4	0	Stemkowski	2	4	6	0		
Lalonde	2	1	3	0	Gilbert	4	1	5	0		
Guevremont	1	2	3	4	Ratelle	3	2	5	2		
Tallon	0	3	3	0	Rousseau	1	3	4	0		
Wright	0	3	3	0	Tkaczuk	2	1	3	2		
O'Flaherty	0	- 3	3	0	Hadfield	0	3	3	8		
Wilkins	1	1	2	4	Seiling	0	3	3	0		
Kearns	1	1	2	2	Vickers	1	1	2	0		
Kurtenbach	1	1	2	2	Sather	1	1	2	2		
Hargreaves	0	2	2	0	Neilson	1	1	2	0		
Lemieux	0	2	2	0	Fairbairn	1	0	1	4		
Tannahill	1	0	1	0	Irvine	0	1	1	0		
McSheffrey	1	0	1	0	MacGregor	0	1	1	2		
Wilcox	1	0	1	2	Rolfe	0	1	1	6		
Maki	0	1	1	0	Murphy	0	1	1	0		
Boddy	0	0	0	4	Legge	0	1	1	0		
Totals	14	24	38	22	Totals	18	31	49	32		

#### **GOALTENDING RECORDS**

CANUCKS							RANGERS						
	GP	MP	GA	So	Eng	Avg.		GP	MP	GA	So	Eng	Avg.
Wilson (1-2-0)	3	180	13	0	0	4.33	Giacomin (3-0-0)	3	180	8	0	0	2.67
Dyck (1-0-0)	1	60	1	0	0	1.00	Villemure (0-2-0)	2	120	6	0	0	3.00
Bullock	1	60	4	0	0	4.00	,						
Totals	5	300	18	0	0	3.60	Totals	5	300	14	0	0	2.80

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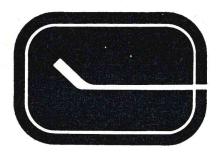




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Saturday, January 12, 1974

# VANCOUVER CANUCKS

(Including game of Jan. 8)

	Name	Min.	GA	so	Ave.
1	GARY SMITH, g	1880	110	1	3.51
30	JACQUES CARON, g	400	30	0	4.50
	ED DYCK, g	60	7	0	7.00
		G	Α	Pts.	Pim
2	JOCELYN GUEVREMONT, d	7	13	20	22
3	BOB DAILY, d	5	8	13	82
4	BARRY WILKINS, d	2	16	18	73
5	TRACY PRATT, d	0	7	7	61
6	DENNIS KEARNS, d	1	8	9	20
7	ANDRE BOUDRIAS, f	7	32	39	16
8	BOBBY SCHMAUTZ, f	21	14	35	54
9	DON LEVER, f	12	9	21	4
10	DENNIS VERVERGAERT, f	8	14	22	. 19
15	PAULIN BORDELEAU, f	4	7	11	14
18	MIKE LAMPMAN, f	2	0	2	0
19	RICH LEMIEUX, f	3	7	10	15
21	JOHN GOULD, f	4	5	9	2
22	GREGG BODDY, f	1	3	4	29
23	GERRY O'FLAHERTY, f	7	5	12	4
24	DAVE DUNN, f	4	10	14	56
25	ORLAND KURTENBACH, f	5	6	11	20
26	BRYAN McSHEFFREY, f	7	2	9	14

**COACH: Bill McCreary** 

GENERAL MANAGER: Hal Laycoe TRAINERS: Bill Gray, Phil Langlois



Saturday, January 12, 1974

#### NEW YORK RANGERS

(Including game of Jan. 6)

	Name	Min.	GA	so	Ave.
1	ED GIACOMIN, g	1666	86	0	3.10
31	PETER McDUFFE, g	340	18	0	3.18
		G	A	Pts.	Pim
2	BRAD PARK, d	10	28	38	46
3	RON HARRIS, d	2	12	14	10
6	GILLES MAROTTE, d	2	18	20	35
7	ROD GILBERT, f	19	23	42	14
8	STEVE VICKERS, f	10	11	21	5
9	GENE CARR, f	1	4	5	13
10	BILL FAIRBAIRN, f	5	15	20	2
11	VIC HADFIELD, f	15	15	30	38
12	BRUCE McGREGOR, f	11	20	31	6
14	REAL LEMIEUX, f	0	0	0	0
15	JIM NEILSON, d	2	2	4	12
16	ROD SEILING, d	1	8	9	10
18	WALT TKACZUK, f	11	15	26	29
19	JEAN RATELLE, f	16	20	36	8
21	PETE STEMKOWSKI, f	12	23	35	44
22	BOBBY ROUSSEAU, f	5	16	21	2
27	TED IRVINE, f	13	10	23	37

**COACH: Larry Popein** 

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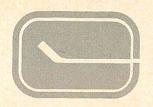
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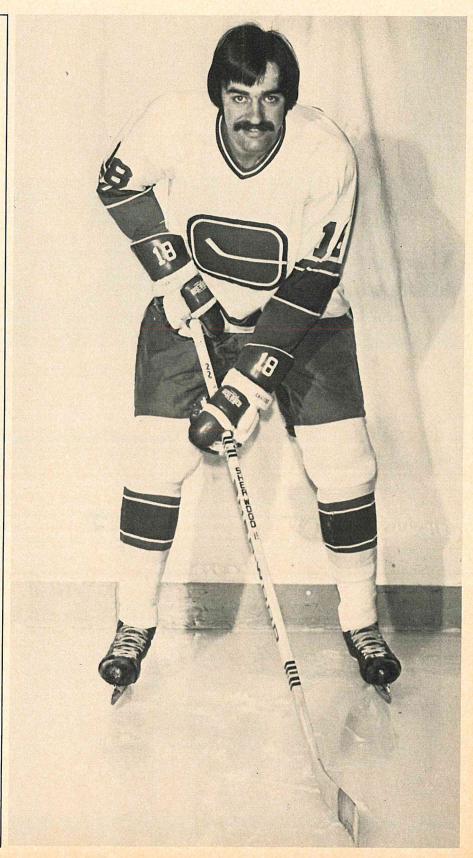


# Mike Lampman

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Born: Lakewood, Calif.
April 20, 1950
Height: 6'2" — Weight 195 lbs.
Position: LEFT WING

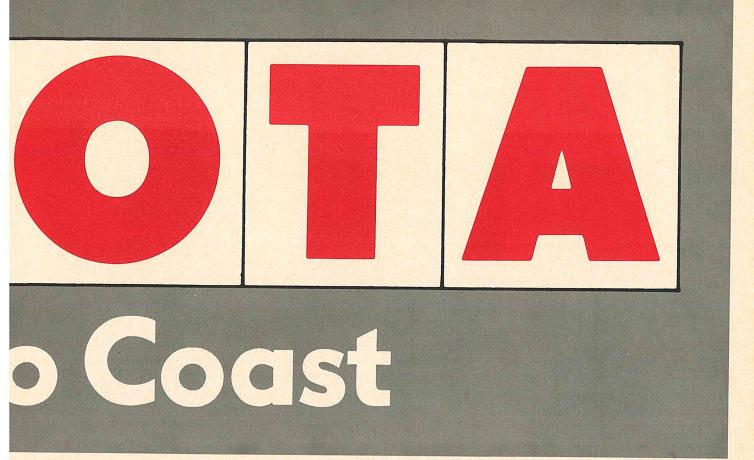
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#### **NEW YORK RANGERS**

PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1972-73 CLUB	1972	-73 RE	CORD
Forwards						G	Α	Pts.
GENE CARR	5 - 11	185	Nanaimo, B.C.	Sept. 17, 1951	New York	9	10	 19
JACK EGERS	6 - 1	175	Sudbury, Ont.	Jan. 28, 1949	St. Louis	24	24	48
BILL FAIRBAIRN	5 - 10	190	Brandon, Man.	Jan. 1, 1947	New York	30	33	63
ROD GILBERT	5 - 9	175	Montreal, Que.	July 1, 1941	New York	25	59	84
VIC HADFIELD	6 - 0	185	Oakville, Ont.	Oct. 4, 1940	New York	28	34	62
ED IRVINE	6 - 2	195	Winnipeg, Man.	Dec. 8, 1944	New York	8	12	20
REAL LEMIEUX	5 - 11	180	Victoriaville, Que.	Jan. 3, 1945	Los Angeles	5	10	15
BRUCE MacGREGOR	5 - 10	180	Edmonton, Alta.	April 26, 1941	New York	14	12	26
IEAN RATELLE	6 - 1	175	Lac St. Jean, Que.	Oct. 3, 1940	New York	41	53	94
BOBBY ROUSSEAU	5 - 10	180	Montreal, Que.	July 26, 1940	New York	8	37	45
PETE STEMKOWSKI	6 - 1	205	Winnipeg, Man.	Aug. 25, 1943	New York	22	37	59
WALT TKACZUK	6 - 0	185	Emstedetten, Germany	Sept. 29, 1947	New York	27	39	66
STEVE VICKERS	5 - 11	180	Toronto, Ont.	Apr. 21, 1951	New York	30	23	53



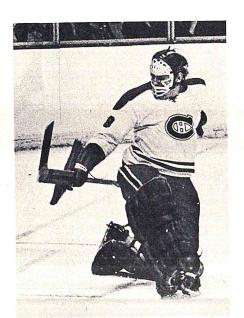
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Defencemen						G	A	Pts.	
RON HARRIS	5 - 10	180	Verdun, Que.	June 30, 1942	New York-Atlanta	5	14	19	
GILLES MAROTTE	5-9	195	Montreal, Que.	June 7, 1945	Los Angeles	6	39	45	
JIM NEILSON	6-2	200	Big River, Sask.	Nov. 28, 1941	New York	4	16	20	
BRAD PARK	6-0	200	Toronto, Ont.	July 6, 1948	New York	10	43	53	
DALE ROLFE	6 - 4	210	Timmins, Ont.	April 30, 1940	New York	7	25	32	
LAWRENCE SACHARUK	6-0	190	Saskatoon, Sask.	Sept. 16, 1952	New York - Providence	15	35	50	
ROD SEILING	6-0	195	Elmira, Ont.	Nov. 14, 1944	New York	9	33	42	
Goaltenders						Mins.	GA	so	
ED GIACOMIN	5 - 11	180	Sudbury, Ont.	June 6, 1939	New York	2580	125	4	
PETER McDUFFE	5-9	180	Milton, Ont.	Feb. 16, 1948	New York	60	0	1	
GILLES VILLEMURE	5-8	180	Trois Rivieres, Que.	May 30, 1940		2040	78	3	



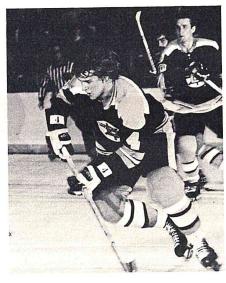
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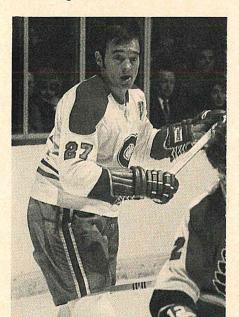
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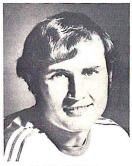
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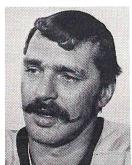
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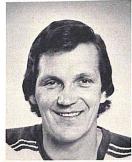
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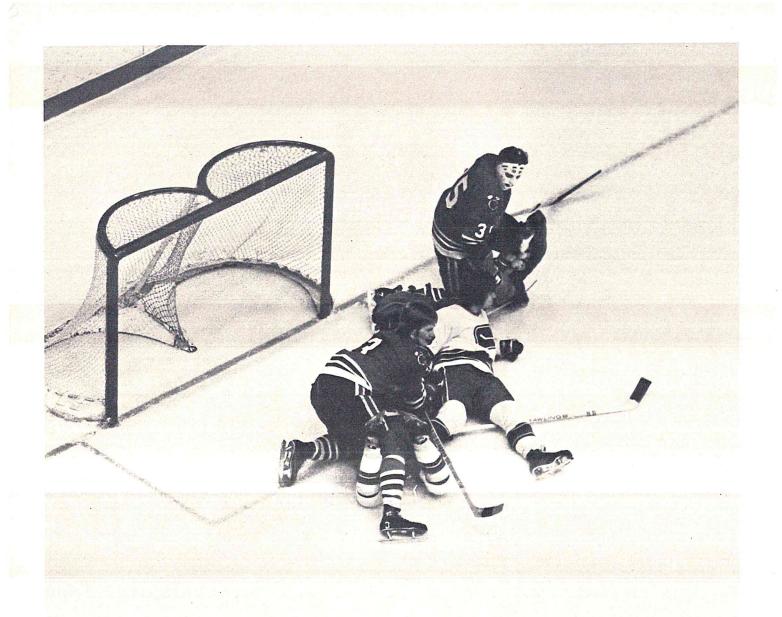
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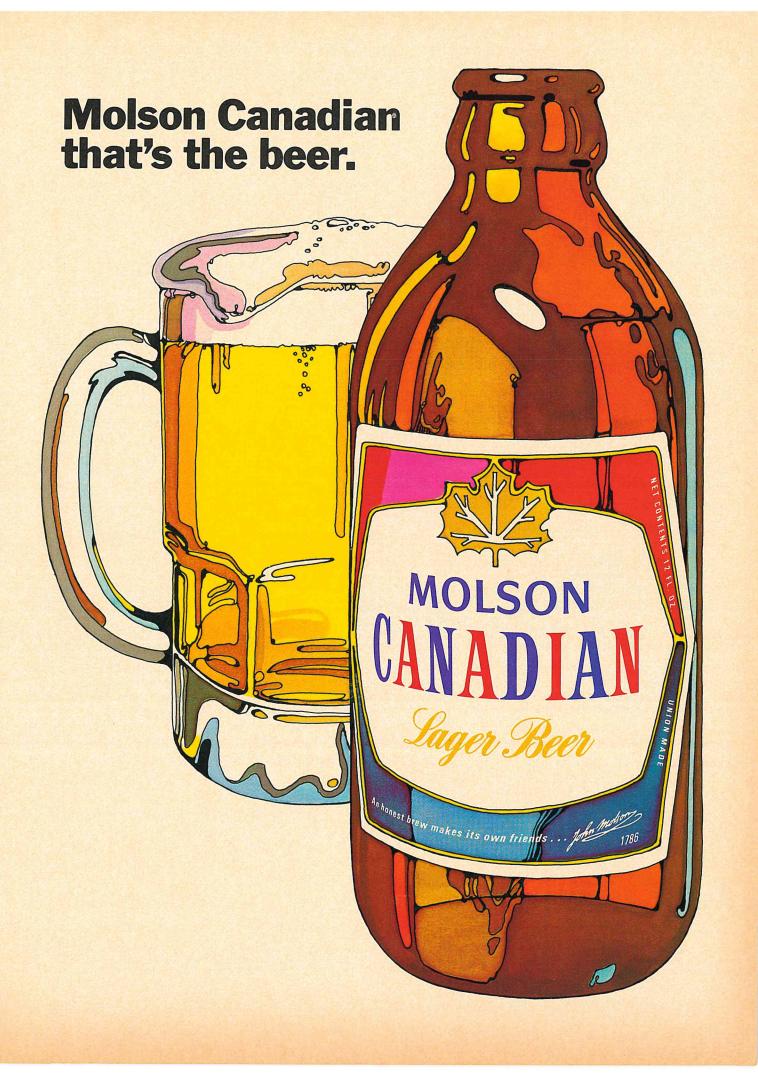
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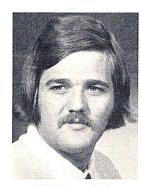
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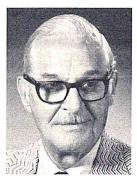
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#### **STANDINGS**

#### **East Division**

GP	W	L	Т	GF	GA	PTS	
78	52	10	16	329	184	120	
78	51	22	5	330	235	107	
78	47	23	8	297	208	102	
78	37	27	14	257	219	88	
78	37	29	12	265	243	86	
78	27	41	10	247	279	64	
78	22	47	9	233	339		
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Players	GP	G	Α	PTS
Phil Esposito, Boston	78	55	75	130
Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia	78	37	67	104
Bobby Orr, Boston	63	29	72	101
Rick MacLeish, Philadelphia	78	50	50	100
Jacques Lemaire, Montreal	77	44	51	95
Jean Ratelle, NY Rangers	78	41	53	94
Mickey Redmond, Detroit	76	52	41	93
John Bucyk, Boston	78	40	53	93
Frank Mahovlich, Montreal	78	38	55	93
Jim Pappin, Chicago	76	41	51	92
Marcel Dionne, Detroit	77	40	50	90
Dennis Hull, Chicago	78	39	51	90
Pit Martin, Chicago	78	29	61	90
Gilbert Perreault, Buffalo	78	28	60	88
Syl Apps, Pittsburgh	77	29	56	85
Rod Gilbert, NY Rangers	76	25	59	84
Stan Mikita, Chicago	57	27	56	83
Rene Robert, Buffalo	75	40	43	83
Dennis Hextall, Minnesota	78	30	52	82
Ken Hodge, Boston	73	37	44	81
Garry Unger, St. Louis	78	41	39	80
Yvan Cournoyer, Montreal	67	40	39	79
Gary Dornhoefer, Philadelphia	77	30	49	79
Fred Stanfield, Boston	78	20	58	78

#### **West Division**

GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PIS
78	42	27	9	284	225	93
78	37	30	11	296	256	85
78	37	30	11	254	230	85
78	32	34	12	233	251	76
78	-32	37	9	257	265	73
78	31	36	11	232	245	73
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Name	GP	G	Α	TP	PIM
Bobby Schmautz	77	38	33	71	137
Andre Boudrias	77	30	40	70	24
Richard Lemieux	78	17	35	52	41
Bobby Lalonde	77	20	27	47	32
Don Tannahill	78	22	21	43	21
Jocelyn Guevremont	78	16	26	42	46
Don Lever	78	12	26	38	49
Dale Tallon	75	13	24	37	83
John Wright	71	10	27	37	37
Dennis Kearns	72	4	33	37	51
Gerry O'Flaherty	78	13	17	30	29
Barry Wilkins	76	11	17	28	133
Orland Kurtenbach	47	9	19	28	38
Jim Mair	64	3	11	14	49
Gregg Boddy	74	3	11	14	70
Wayne Maki	26	3	10	13	66
Bryan McSheffrey	33	4	4	8	10
Jim Hargreaves	59	1	6 2 2 1		72
Barry Wilcox	31	3	2	5 5 1	15
Dave Balon	57	3	2	5	22
Dunc Wilson	43	0	1		6
Ron Homenuke	1	0	0 0 0	0	6 0 2 2
Bruce Bullock	14	0	0	0	2
Larry Bolonchuk	15	0	0	0	2

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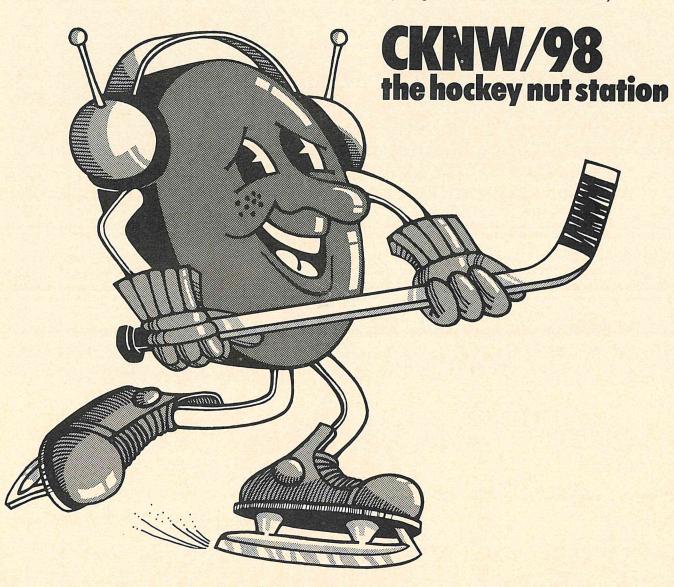
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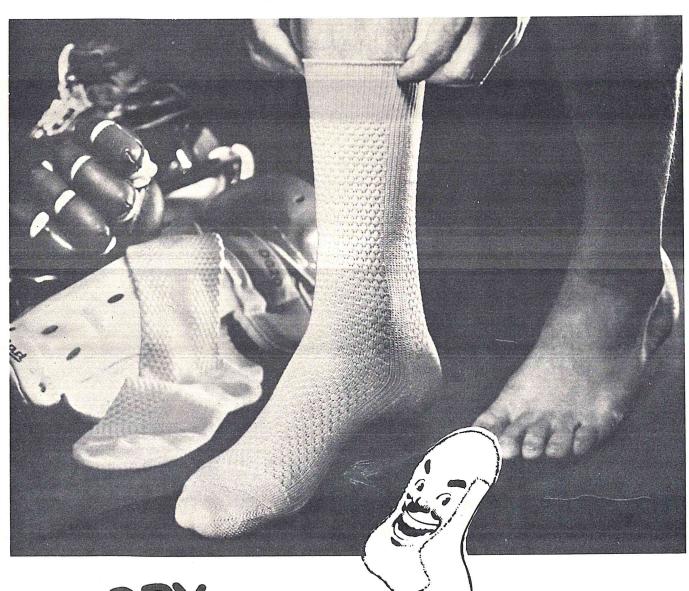
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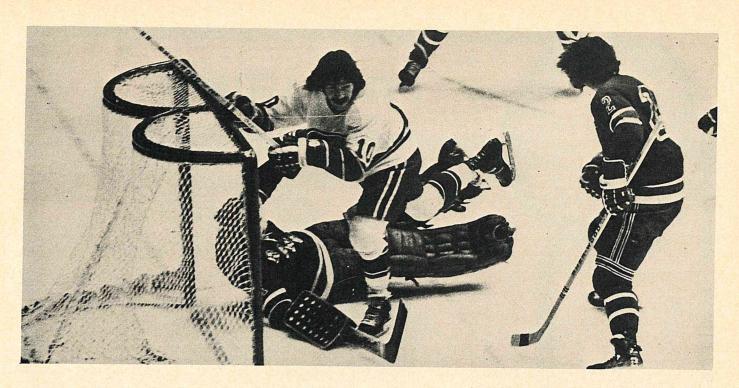


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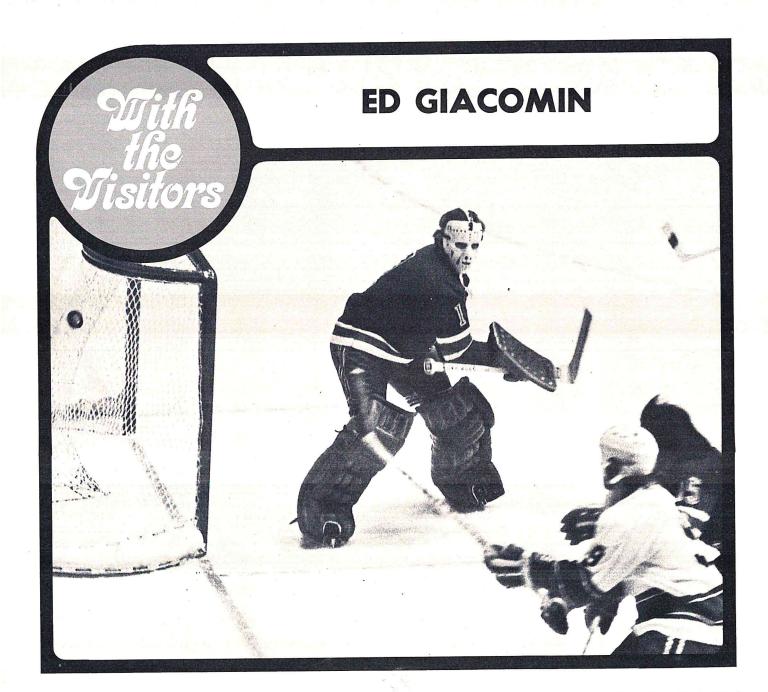
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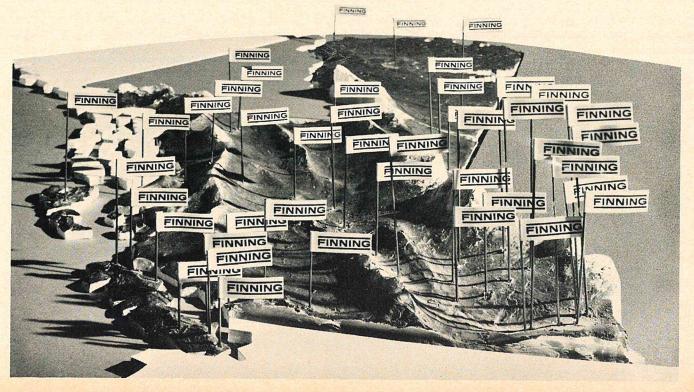
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The way they tell it in St. Louis, the main reason the Blues wound up with centre John Wright this season was because of Wright's one-time coach, Vic Stasiuk.

When St. Louis learned Wright was available from the Canucks, Stasiuk quickly moved in and told the powers that here was a young man "who's a smart hockey player, he's willing to work and he's clever at killing penalties."

The Blues quickly went into action, with the eventual Wright-for-Mike Lampman deal taking place.

Philadelphia Flyers' coach *Freddie Shero* has a theory about curved sticks in hockey. Here's a censored version:

"A player has no control over his shot with the damned hook on his stick. You get the odd great shot but look at the disadvantages. You can't accept a pass as well and you can't give a pass as well. You can't even backhand the puck two feet over a line when you're killing a penalty. Try to tell the players that, though.

"If I was the owner of a team I'd get rid of those blasted hooks so fast their heads would swim."

The one owner who did make a ruling along these lines was Conn Smythe, who once ordered each member of his Toronto Maple Leafs to use 21-ounce sticks after several players had theirs' broken in a critical situation, resulting in a goal for the opposition.

But the players even outsmarted Mr. Smythe. "I used to keep two or three of the 21-ounce sticks at the front of the rack for him to check," says *Cal Gardner*, "and when inspection was over, I'd grab one of the lighter babies from the back of the pile."

Quickly now, what player in the National League has scored more than 100 goals for each of three different teams?

Give up? Frank Mahovlich for Toronto, Detroit and Montreal.

Here's another one, courtesy of the Leafs' Norm Ullman, who fancies himself on being the hockey trivia king of the NHL.

"What player was named to the first all-star team as a member of three different clubs?" Ullman asks.

The answer: Goaltender Glenn Hall while with the Detroit Red Wings, Chicago Black Hawks and St. Louis Blues.

And Pete Mahovlich has this question for you: "Who said 'I'd still rather be here than in Philadelphia'?"

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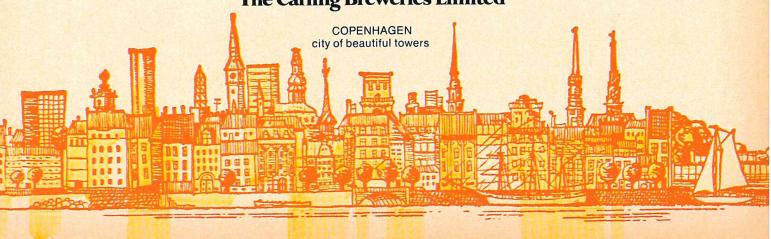
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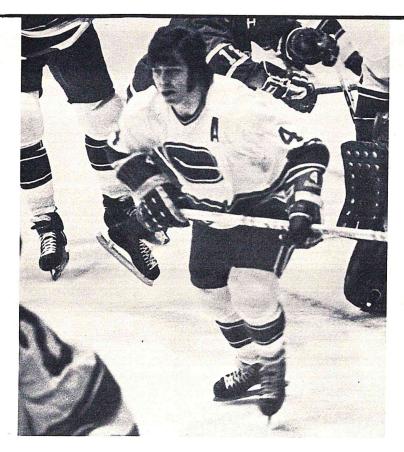
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### Royal Leaders

# PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### BARRY WILKINS Defence

If they graded hockey players on spirit, on a pure, straightforward willingness to hustle, then Barry Wilkins would rate right up near the top of the list.

Wilkins has been wearing a Vancouver Canucks uniform since the club joined the National Hockey League and he most assuredly got off on the right foot. It was Wilkins who took a pass from Len Lunde and rifled home the puck for Canucks' first-ever NHL goal. The night, October 9, 1970, against Los Angeles Kings.

Since that evening a lot of pucks have come and gone, most of them bouncing off the shins of Wilkins. His willingness to block shots has made him mighty popular with a few goaltenders but it's also earned him more bumps and bruises than he'd care to think much about.

Typical of his desire is the fact that despite all those various richochets off his shins he still suited up and played in 76 of Canucks' games last year.

Standing six feet even and weighing in at 190 pounds, the 26-year-old Toronto native earned the Lyman D. Walters Trophy as Canucks' outstanding defenceman last year. There never was any doubt.

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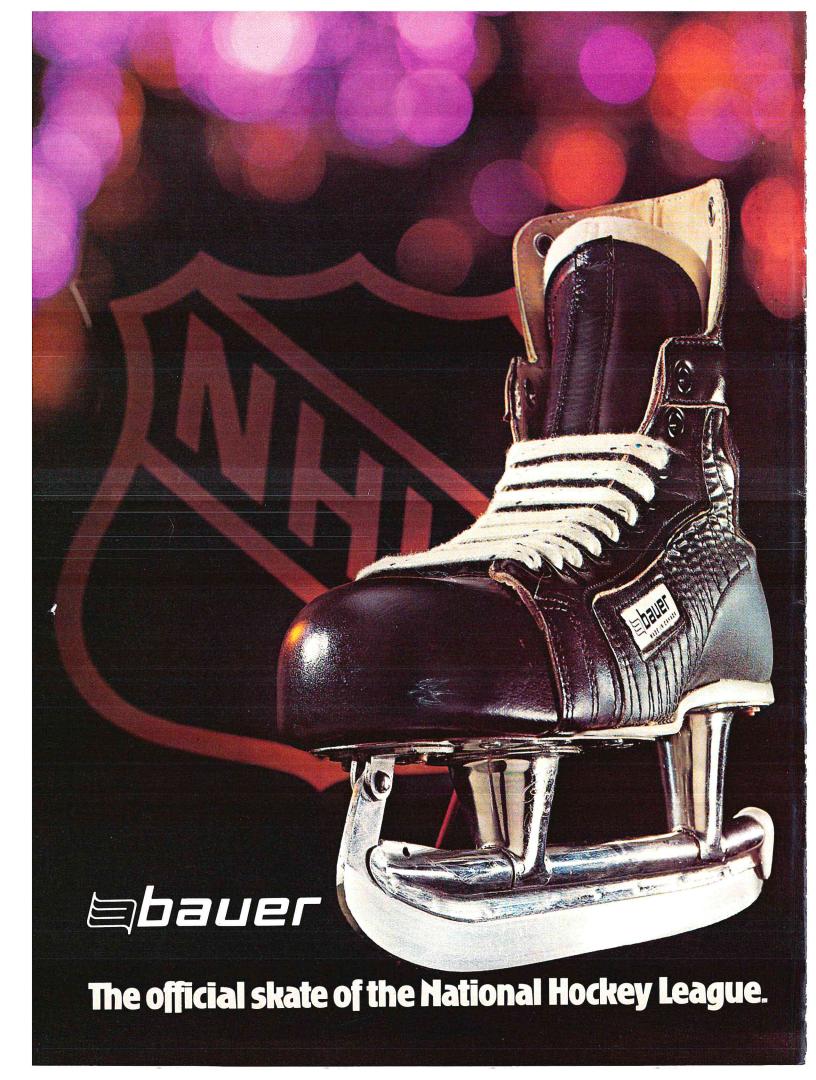
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#### LANGUAGE POSED NO BARRIER

By JIM KEARNEY

In a bilingual country it pays, at times, to make a real effort to hurdle the language barrier and learn Canada's other official tongue.

Consider the case of Denis Dupere of Chicoutimi, Que., and, more recently, Toronto Maple Leafs. He was one of three kids from Chicoutimi selected by New York in the final days of NHL junior sponsorships, for development with the Rangers' junior club in Kitchener, Ont.

"Both the other guys were better than I was," Denis now recalls, "but I was the only one who stayed. The other two went back home because they couldn't put up with always speaking English.

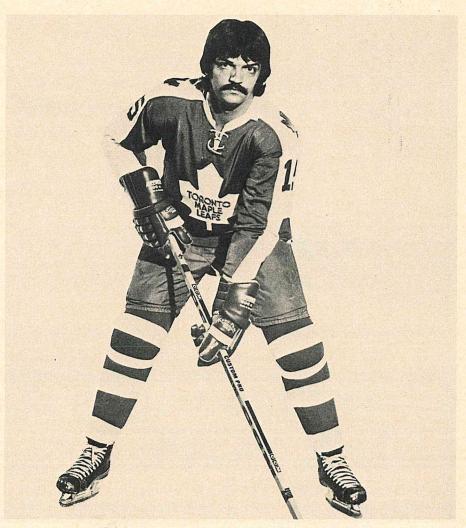
"I see one of them whenever I go home. He has a job for about \$80 a week and I think he feels sorry for himself. For me, learning English was not bad because so many guys helped me. Anyway, I was anxious to learn."

Having hurdled the language barrier, Dupere had another problem when his junior days ended — trying to break into a Rangers organization just brimming with young talent. So he made another astute decision. He joined the eastern unit of the now disbanded national amateur team.

As far as getting on with a pro career, he admits it was a lost year. But he got a grand tour of Europe out of it and, in any case, the Rangers didn't seem to be anxious to do anything with him.

The Rangers got rid of several players from that last sponsored junior club in Kitchener — Jack Egers (now back with them in a trade that sent Glen Sather to St. Louis), Mike Robitaille, Danny Seguin, Ab DeMarco and himself, among others.

Denis became a Leaf in a rather tangled transaction. It started when Toronto finished sixth in their first season after Punch Imlach was fired. The new general



DENIS DUPERE . . . started out as a Ranger

manager, Jim Gregory, made a deal with New York, involving Jacques Plante, who wasn't even owned by the Rangers. He was with St. Louis.

It was the beginning of March, 1970, and the Rangers figured they had a real shot at the Stanley Cup. But they needed a good experienced defenceman. Gregory supplied them that in Tim Horton.

In return, New York got Plante from St. Louis in return for what are known as future considerations, then moved him along to Toronto. To complete the deal, the Rangers sent Dupere and Guy Trottier north with Plante.

Nearly four years later, Dupere is the only guy helping the club he was traded to. Plante is retired and coaching in the World Association, Trottier has defected to Toronto Toros and Horton plays for Buffalo.

Denis has not been a prolific scorer with the Leafs, but he hangs in there at left wing and earns a major league salary.

He shudders at the thought of what he might be doing for a living had he, like his two chums, decided he didn't want to speak English, back when he was a lonely kid from Chicoutimi, learning to be a pro in Kitchener.

#### **NHL SCORING LEADERS**

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Bill Goldsworthy, Minnesota	23	21	44
Norm Ullman, Toronto	16	28	44
Jacques Lemaire, Montreal	15	28	43
Yvan Cournoyer, Montreal	24	18	42
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# ONE DECISION THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG

By HAL SIGURDSON

For the Vancouver Canucks the excitement of the first round of the National Hockey League's annual amateur draft appeared over . . . Their turn, the third overall, had come and gone and, as they had decided the night before, they had made *Dennis Ververgaert*, a right winger from the London Knights, their choice. . . Now it seemed a matter of paying attention and seeing what would be available to them when their turn in the second round rolled around.

Suddenly all that changed . . . Sam Pollock, general manager of the Montreal Canadiens, strolled over to their table with a proposition . . . "How would you like another first round choice right now and give us your first round choice for next year?" Sam wanted to know . . . The offer was totally unexpected . . . There had been no preliminary bargaining, no hint that Pollock even had the idea in mind. Nevertheless, it did not take the Canucks

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long to make up their minds . . . The previous season had been a near disaster, the team desperately needed more size and the World Hockey Association Blazers had just opened up shop in direct competition for the hockey dollar.

Promptly they accepted Pollock's offer and selected defenceman Bob Dailey of the Toronto Marlboros... The Canucks have not made many deals in their brief NHL history, but it is unlikely they'll make many that will please them more... Literally and figuratively, Dailey has become a tower of strength on their defence.

It is generally accepted that it is more difficult to break into the NHL on defence than at forward, but Dailey has made the transition remarkably well ... "He plays with so much poise I have to keep reminding myself he's only a rookie," coach Bill McCreary marvels . . That is because the young giant so rarely makes what are commonly referred to as "rookie mistakes." He makes mistakes, of course . . Even Bobby Orr makes them, but hardly ever does he come unglued under pressure and throw the puck away blindly . . "And when he does make a mistake he comes right back with that second effort so quickly that often he's able to make up for it," McCreary adds.

However, perhaps Dailey's most important contribution is the way he uses his 225-pound, 6'5" frame so effectively . . . Stated simply, he hits people, frequently very hard . . . Although the season is barely one half over, already opposing forwards are learning it is unwise to dally around the Vancouver goal when he is on the ice . . . Goaltenders appreciate that.

Additionally, the young man from Trenton, Ont., has emerged as a fierce competitor who, despite the Canucks' current state, has not learned to lose gracefully . . . And at 20 he can only get better . . . True, at next year's draft the Canucks will be without a first round choice for the first time in their history, but Dailey's play and potential makes it worth the price . . . And who knows? Next year Sam Pollock may drop by again.

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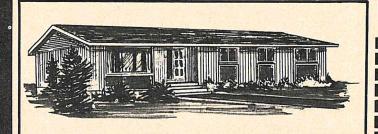
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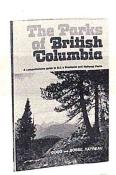
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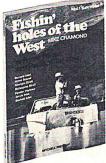
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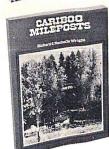
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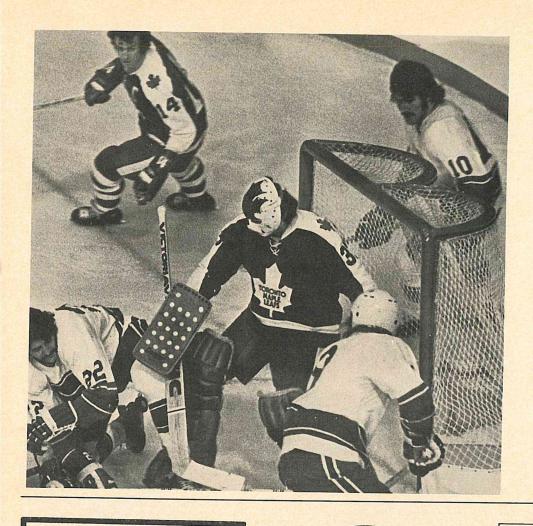
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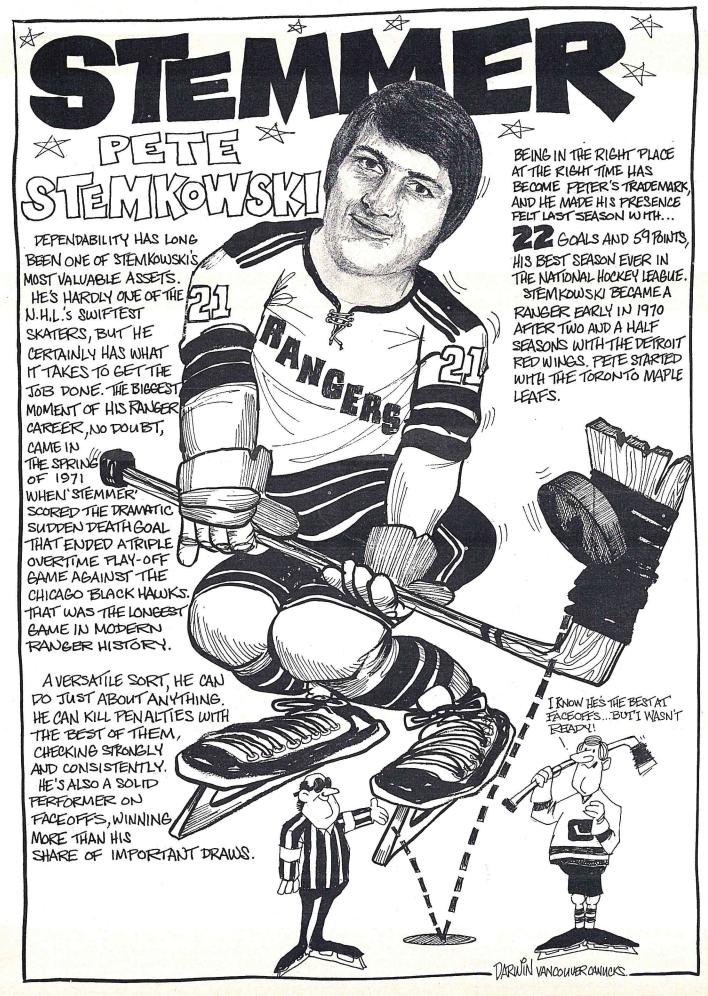
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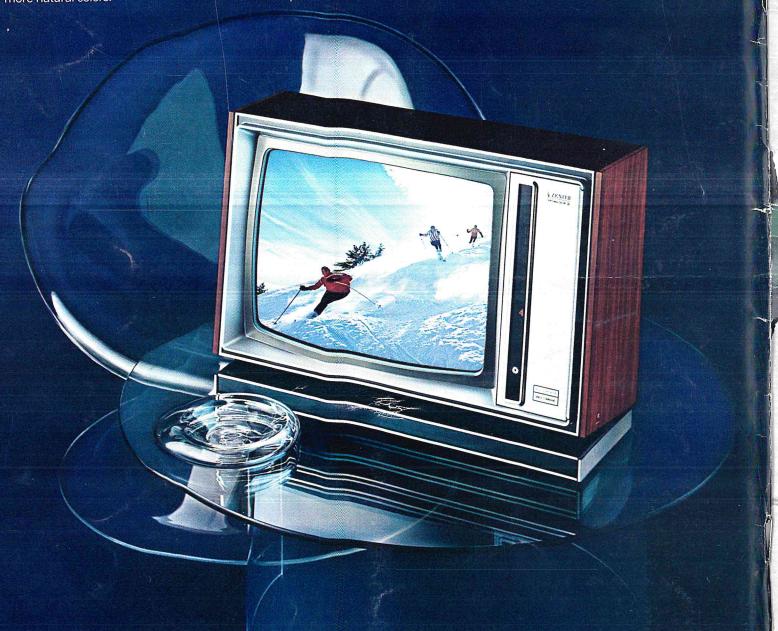
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